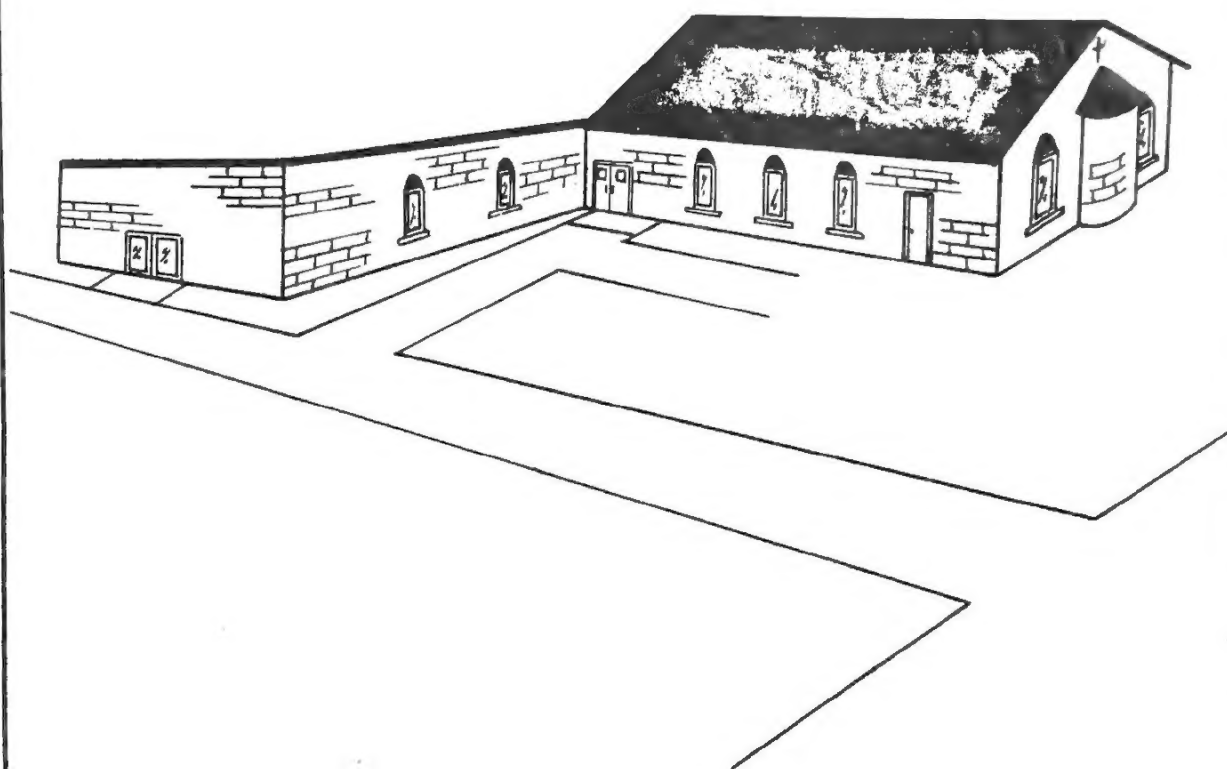
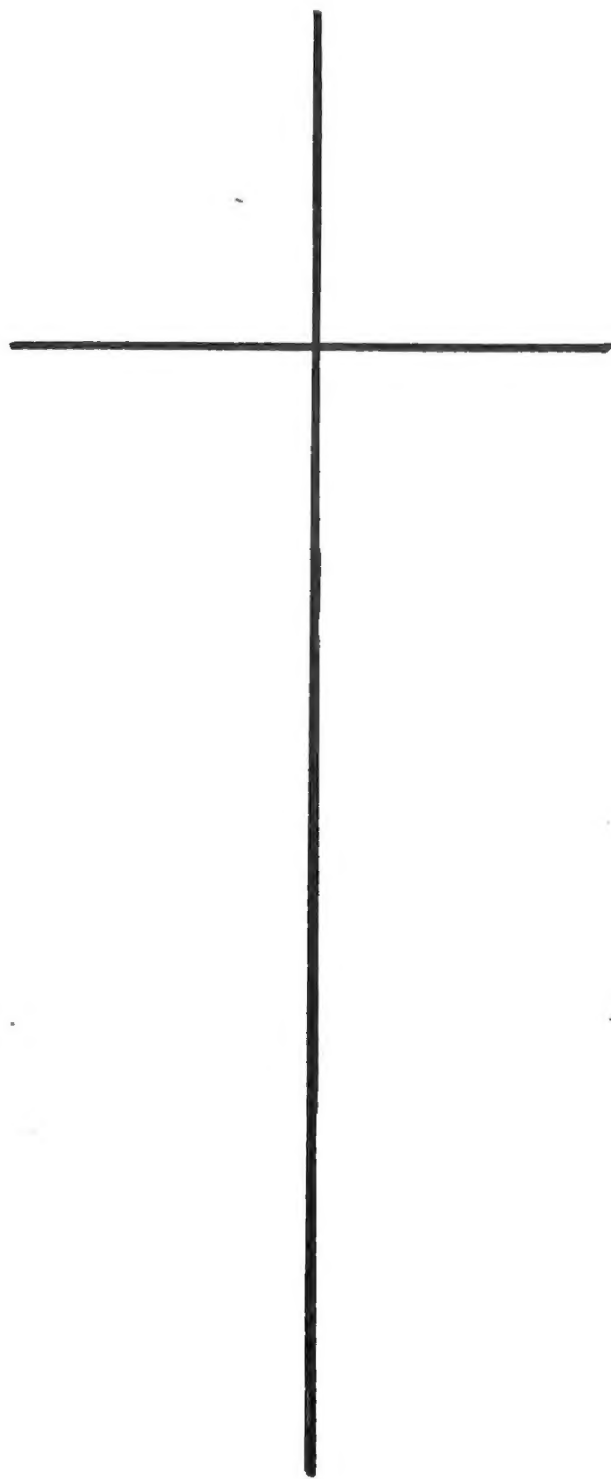


ST. CLEMENT OHRIDSKI AMERICAN-MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



**Consecration Commemorative
August 9, 1981**



**The Consecration of
St. Clement Ohridski
American-Macedonian Orthodox Church
Sunday, August 9, 1981
Merrillville, Indiana**



TROPAR OF ST. CLEMENT:

*With your words you have lead people to have faith in God.
With your deed you were elevated toward divine and blessed
life.*

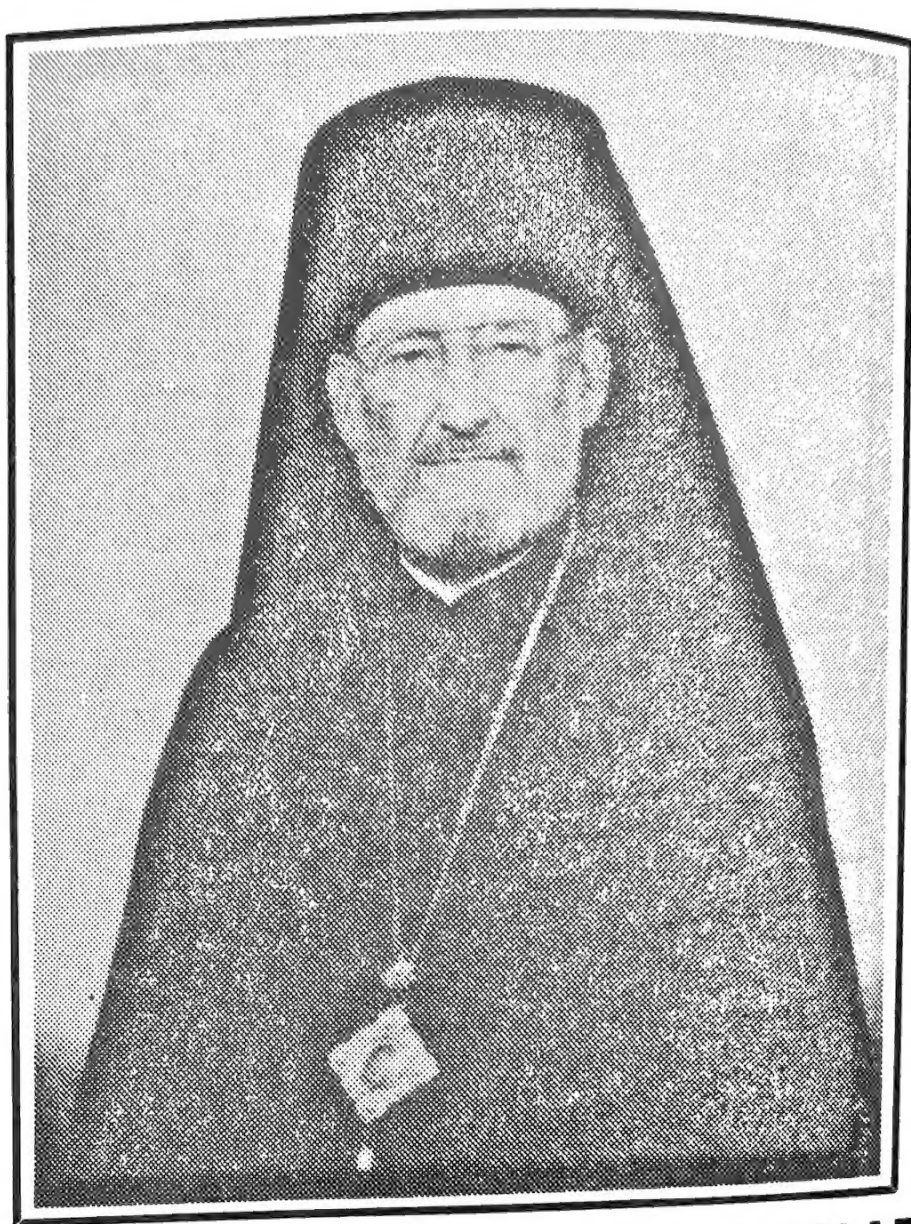
*With miracles you have educated those who faithfully
followed you, most gloriously, giving light by signs to
the darkness.*

For this we glorify your divine memory, Clement.



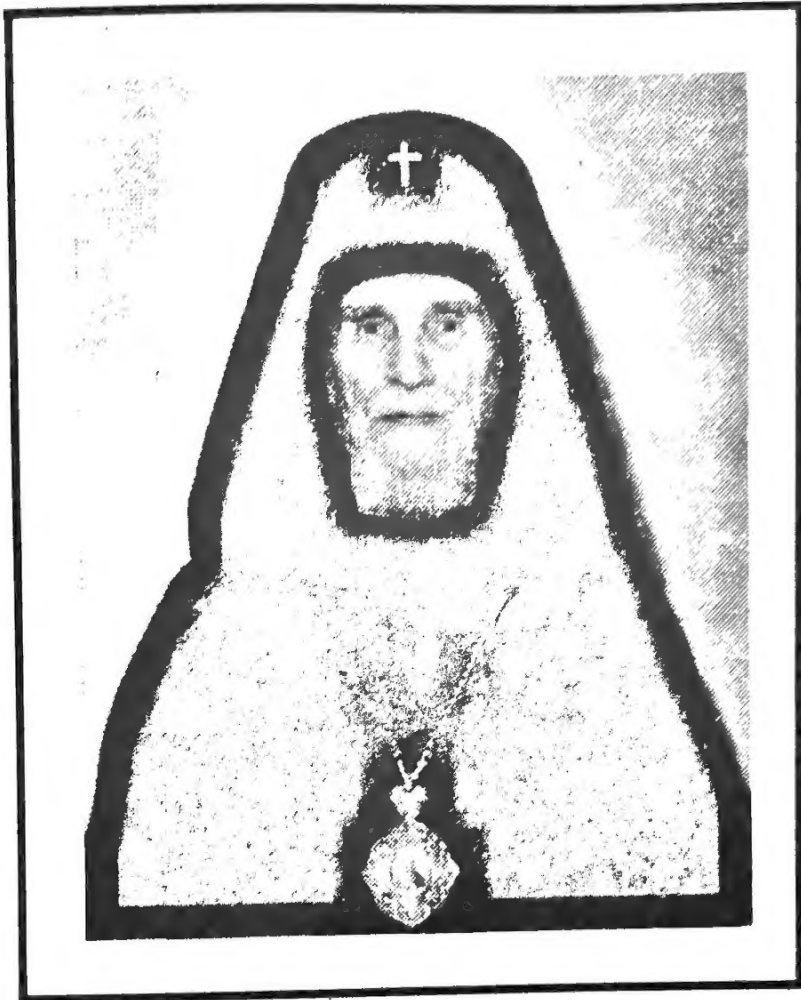
HIS BEATITUDE THEODOSIUS

Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of all America and Canada
Primate of the Orthodox Church
in America



**THE RIGHT REVEREND
BORIS**

Bishop of Chicago

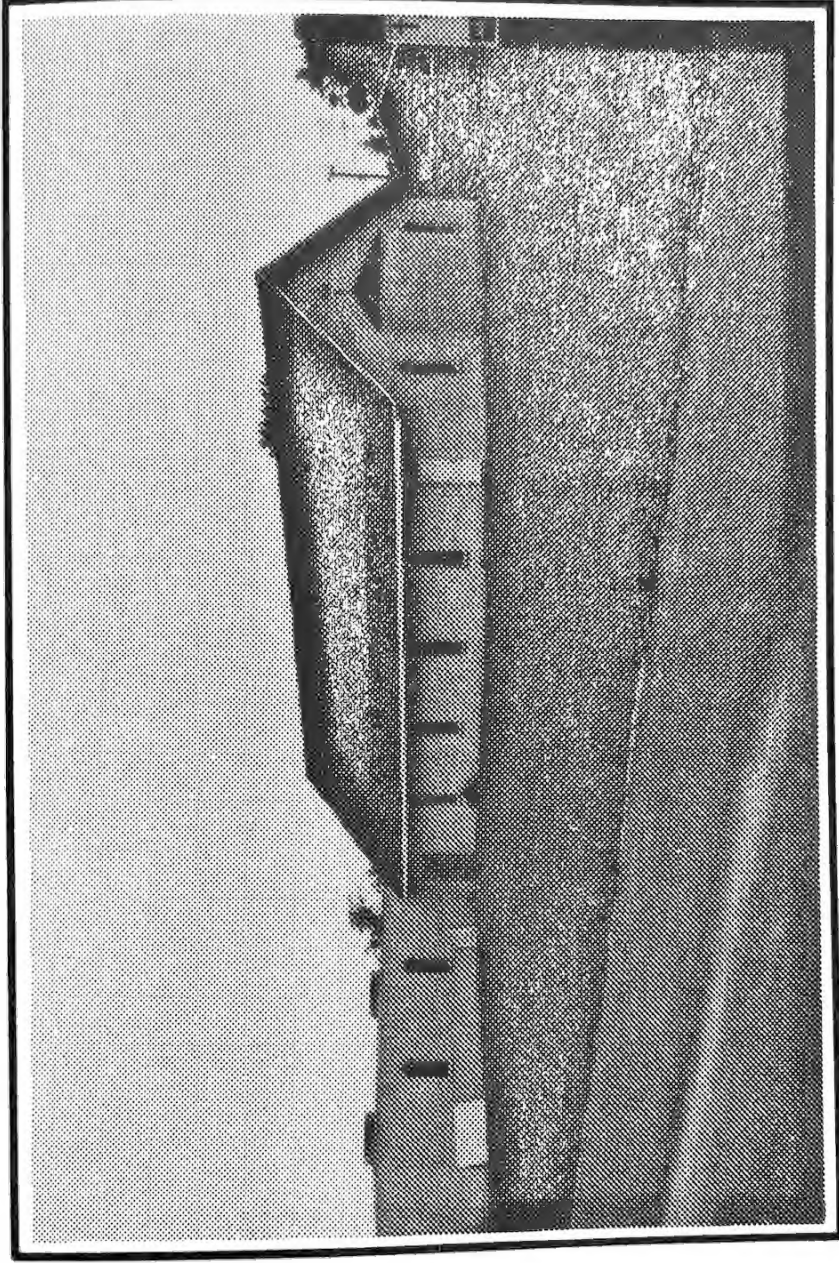


The Most Reverend John

**Retired Archbishop of Chicago
and Minneapolis**

A NEW BUILDING A REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

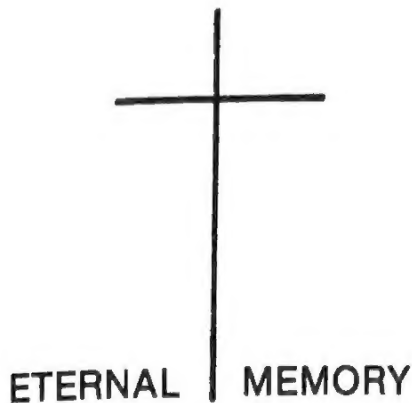
The building of a new church is an event of importance. It is a once in a life time occurrence. We, of the St. Clement Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Parish in the year 1981, are privileged to consecrate our new House of Worship to the Glory of God. This day would have been impossible without God...our new Church building would have never become a reality without God. He gave us the hearts which moved us to erect this building as an edifice for promoting of God's Kingdom here on earth. He gave us the spirit, which welded us together in oneness and unity to persist until this goal of our new church was reached, and He gave us the hands, which were willing to sacrifice, to work, and to pray for the completion of our new Church. Pray! Toil! Sacrifice! were the words that inspired us to fulfill our dream. We render our thanks to God, let us also ask Him to continue to bless us with His presence, so that with the same hearts, minds, unity of spirit and willing hands we may continue to expand His Kingdom here on earth for His glory and the spiritual welfare of mankind, until that day when we shall enter into that glorious Temple in the Heavens above, through faith in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.



**THE ST. CLEMENT OHRIDSKI
AMERICAN - MACEDONIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Merrillville, Indiana

IN MEMORIA



MEMBERS WHO ARE DECEASED:

Tom Mitrovich
Josif Jolevski
Klimo Elieff
Kristafil Trajkovski
Pete Elieff
Velo Mitrovich
Bogdan Trajkovski
Mitre Manivilovski
Strebra Parkevich
Velika Manivilovski
Lenka Glegorovich
Tasa Gulaboff

BURIED FROM OUR CHURCH:

Dicho Georgiev
Slavka Lumbarkoski
Lazo Lambov
Elena Christoff
Spase Petrovski



VERY REV. SPIRO TANASKOSKI

To our only beloved Pastor and his family, we of the St. Clement Ohridski Parish extend our best wishes, and ask God's Blessing for them.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Left to Right: Clem Julovich - Fin. Sec.; Trajan Lozanoski - Treasurer;
Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski - Pastor;
Alex Sarafin - Vice-Pres.; Manoly Traycoff - President
(Not Present: Mark Gulab - Sec.)



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

1st Row: Clèm Julovich, Alex Sarafin, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Manoly Traycoff, Trajan Lozanoski

2nd Row: Zivko Naumoski, Jim Trajkovski, Chris Julovich, Zlatan Naumoski, Vangel Baloski, Van Evanoff

3rd Row: Pavle Lumbarkoski, Rade Vraniskoski, Jovan Juloski

(Not Present: Mark Gulab, Carl Gulab, Alex Angelov, Risto Manivillovski, Trajan BUDzevski, Filip Trajkovski, Eli Trajkovski)



PASTOR and OFFICERS OF ST. CLEMENT'S LADIES ORGANIZATION

Left to Right: Mrs. Frank Panchak - Publicity; Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski - Pastor; Mrs. Vangel Baloski - Treasurer; Mrs. Zlatan Naumoski - President
(Not Present: Mrs. Trajan Budzevski - Secretary; Mrs. Bogoja Doreski - Vice-President)



ST. CLEMENT ALTAR BOYS

Left to Right: Thomas Naumoski, Van Evanoff Jr., Mike Manivilovski, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Nick Trajkovski, Thomas Traycoff, Jovan Baloski



ST. CLEMENT CHOIR

1st Row: Billiana Manivilovski, Mrs. Frank Panchak, Mrs. Vangel Baloski, Rosa Vraniskoski, Elizabeth Tanaskoski

2nd Row: Pavle Lumbarkoski, Frank Panchak - Choirmaster, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Vangel Baloski



HISTORY OF ST. CLEMENT PARISH

A group of approximately 40 families met in early spring of 1972 to discuss the organization of a new parish in Gary to be named St. Clement of Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Church and petitioned Archbishop John of the Chicago and Minneapolis Diocese for acceptance into the Orthodox Church in America. The parish priest was to be Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski.

The parish was accepted on May 30, 1972, by the Holy Synod of Bishops, headed by his Beatitude, Metropolitan Ireney, into the Canonical jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church in America in the Diocese of Chicago and Minneapolis. The church was the first Macedonian parish in the United States in the Orthodox Church in America.

Quickly the facilities in Gary were becoming inadequate for our expanding congregation. In 1974, the parish completed the purchase of a three acre parcel in Merrillville, Indiana where plans for a new church were being formulated. The parish increased the scope of its fund raising activities. Festivals, style shows, bake sales, dances, picnics, fish fries, assessments, personal loans and an increased effort on the part of the parishioners to increase weekly contributions helped to underwrite a steady growth of the building fund.

The flurry of activity of the next several years seems to have blended smoothly into a continuous concerted effort to bring to a culmination this great project of the St. Clement Parish. Pope Spiro's great patience and understanding provided the necessary steady hand at the tiller when our craft began to traverse rough waters. His leadership, coupled with that of the parish council was often the deciding factor in the making of crucial decisions correctly.

After ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the church building site, the reality of the existence of a new St. Clement Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Church building became but a matter of time. In June 1979, we moved into our new parish. Also in 1980, the parish was proud to acquire an eleven lot site for a future picnic area.

In the nine years of existence and the tenth year of celebrating our Patron Day, the parish of St. Clement Ohridski have been blessed by the All Mighty indeed. Throughout these past several years, the congregation have worked hand in hand to provide for the people of our parish the new Church building which we consecrate today. For their untiring efforts and their unselfish devotion to the task, we of the St. Clement parish extend our congratulations to these people on the consecration of our new church.

Past & Present Officers of St. Clement's Parish Council

1972 - '73 President: Eli Trajkovski
Vice-President: Trajan Lozanoski
Secretary: Jovan Juloski
Treasurer: Van Evanoff
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

BOARD MEMBERS

Carl Gulab	Pavle Lumbarkoski
Tom Mitrovich (Deceased)	Alex Sarafin
Alex Nedanovich	Vangel Baloski
Clem Julovich	Tome Ilieski
Manoly Traycoff	Bogoja Doreski
Lambe Budzakoski	Mito Lozevski
Pete Julovich	Josif Jolevski (Deceased)
	Tome Trpkovski

1974 - '75 President: Trajan Lozanoski
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Vice-President: Alex Sarafin
Secretary: Eli Trajkovski
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Lambe Budzakoski	Jim Trajkovski
Tom Ilieski	Manoly Traycoff
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Carl Gulab	Mito Lozevski
Nickola Tanchevski	Rade Vraniskoski
Stoyan Strezovski	Alex Angelov

1977

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1980

President: Manoly Traycoff
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Secretary: Mark Gulab
Treasurer: John Juloski
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich
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1981

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Mrs. Alex Sarafin
Mrs. Steve Sarafin
Mrs. Stoyan Strezovski
Mrs. Robert Gomez
Miss Vicki Mitrovich

Mrs. Jovan Juloski
Mrs. Van Evanoff
Mrs. Jim Trajkovski
Mrs. Trajan Budzevski
Mrs. Tom Glegorovich
Miss Sandy Trajkovski

EPITROPES OF ST. CLEMENT

Clem Julovich
Alex Nedanovich

Slave Budzakoski
Alex Angelov
Carl Gulab

ALTAR BOYS (Past & Present)

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Jim Julovich
Dan Julovich
Tom Lozanoski
Paul Lozanoski
Thomas Traycoff
Christ Trajkovski
Chris Sarafin
Paul Sarafin

Jim Strezovski
Tony Trpkovski
Paul Trpkovski
Gordon Kruschanovski
Jovan Baloski
Van Evanoff Jr.
Thomas Naumoski
Mike Manivolovski
Nick Trajkovski

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Mrs. Vangel Baloski
Mrs. Alex Sarafin
Mrs. Jim Trajkovski
Miss Vicki Mitrovich
Mrs. Frank Panchak
Miss Dorine Lumbarkoski
Mrs. Dragan Kutanovski
Miss Donna Budzakoski
Miss Mary Budzakoski
Miss Gina Juloski
Miss Gail Juloski
Miss Sandy Trajkovski
Miss Linda Trajkovski
Miss Jasmina Vraniskoski
Miss Roza Vraniskoski
Miss Elizabeth Tanaskoski
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